

DUXBURY BEACH

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BEACH CONSERVATION



Sunday, April 21, was the busiest so far this year, the beach parking lot was better than half full. Police officer Neil Phillips was called to the beach to question a person firing a pistol into the ocean repeatedly at the first vehicle crossover.

Bob Loring and Kap Cane have volunteered to fabricate new signs to mark the areas of newly planted grass. Please encourage your friends to remain out of the fenced or vegetated areas.

Saturday morning 1750 additional beach grass culms were planted by a small group of short notice volunteers. This supply was made available free of charge through the US Soil Conservation

Service via Beach Operations Committee member Jim Spinale. This brings the total volunteer plant count to 51,750! Well done.

Thanks also to Frank Nudd Jr. who volunteered to bulldoze and grade a 40 ft. portion of the stone berm at the vehicle crossover Saturday afternoon. (Vehicles were not able to use the designated access at high tide due to the steep 3 ft. stone shoulder formed last winter). All material was graded upward northwesterly and no sand nor vegetation was disturbed.

The entire beach has been air-photo-mapped. Neal Merry, BCO, flew David Quaid, vice president of the Gurnet Im-

provement Association and a professional photographer over the beach on March 23. Volunteer photos were taken at 3,000 ft. above the sand barrier in sequence according to a formula. These shots were then spliced together to complete the entire map. The detail is fantastic. The document will be used for planning this summer's restoration effort, mainly continuing the designated access road, closing off numerous crossover roads and protecting the High Pines area and the dunes to the south.

Plans for fertilizing the vegetated fore dune area are well underway.